

## The Very Best Candies Are None Too Good For You.

We are making our famous DeLuxe Candies—  
fresh every day—and the kind that will please  
her. The best there is in light lunches, etc.

**De Luxe Candy Company**

**Barber Shop  
Cigar Store  
Shining Stand  
Baths**

**AL. DAVIS**

## GROCERY USERS!!

Are the following prices in GROCERIES of any  
interest to you? They should be. Try us and you  
will be satisfied.

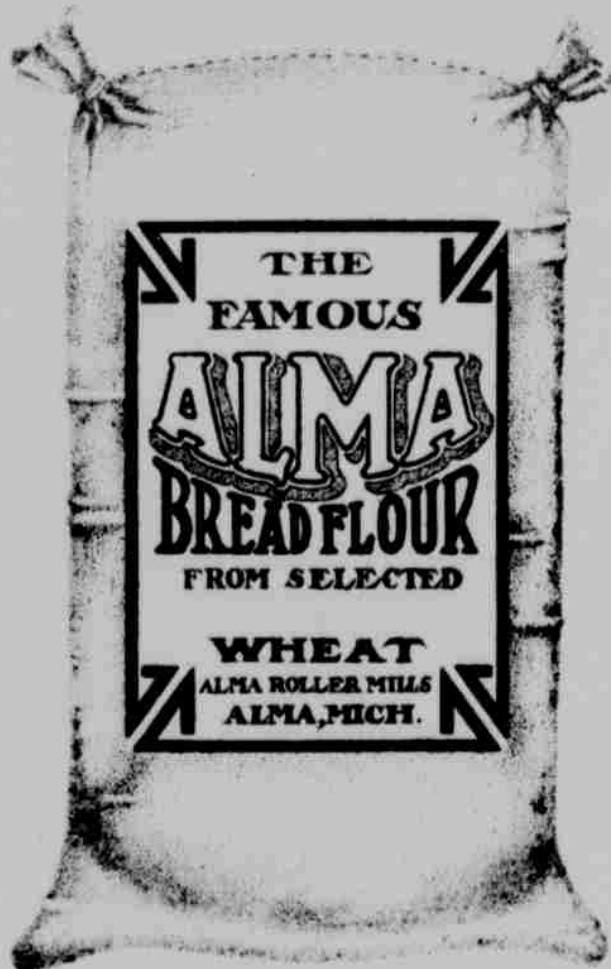
Washburn-Crosby Gold Medal Flour	\$1.25
24 1/2 lb sack	
H. & O. 40c grade of Coffee	\$1.00
at 35c or three pounds for	
Choice Dairy Butter per pound	32c
June Peas per can	10c
Granulated Sugar per pound	7 1/2c
Sugar Corn per can	13c
60c Black Cross Tea	50c

And other goods in proportion. Satisfaction  
Guaranteed.

**Hilsinger Mercantile Co.**  
ELWELL, MICH.

Medium—"I hear the knocking  
of your late wife—"

Patron—"That so? Who's she  
knockin' now?"



We Say--a Trial Sack  
Alma Bread Flour and  
you become a Booster

**Alma Roller Mills**

Try The Record Want Ads

### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Cassius Beecher of Ithaca was an  
Alma visitor this morning.

Attorney James A. Greene transacted  
legal business in Ithaca this morning.

Mr. Mitchell of Urbana, Illinois, is  
visiting with his brother, Leonard  
Mitchell.

Undersheriff Lewis and wife of  
Ithaca were in Alma on Tuesday of  
this week.

Lettie Gates of St. Louis is under  
arrest charged with violating the local  
option law.

Sheriff Newell Bradford of Ithaca  
was in Alma Tuesday on business  
connected with his office.

G. V. Wright was in Chicago and  
Grand Rapids the fore part of the  
week attending the furniture shows.

According to reports, last night was  
the coldest night of the winter, the  
thermometer registering 14 below  
zero.

Howard Potter of Ithaca, county  
commissioner of schools, was an Alma  
business visitor on Wednesday of  
this week.

C. O. Ward is in Grand Rapids to-  
day attending the stockholders' meet-  
ing of the Valley Telephone company  
at Saginaw.

W. M. Powers, a real estate opera-  
tor of Benzonin, is in the city visiting  
C. W. Reemtsma and looking over the  
opportunity that Alma offers.

The Ladies Aid society of the Pres-  
byterian church will meet at the home  
of Mrs. Charles Smith, 208 West End  
street, on Tuesday of next week.

S. E. Gardiner, M. D., specialist of  
the eye and ear, will meet patients at  
the Brainerd hospital Monday, Janu-  
ary 22nd. Make appointments with  
Dr. Brainerd.

The Hilsinger Mercantile company  
of Elwell has an advertisement in this  
issue of the Record. They quote some  
prices on groceries that are worth  
looking at—Adv.

Lloyd T. Crane of Saginaw was a  
business caller at Alma Thursday  
morning, transacting very important  
business with F. L. Rice of the Alma  
Home Building company.

Charles Dewey of Caro was an Alma  
visitor a few days this week. He is  
captain of the Alma college base  
ball team and will return to college  
the second semester if he can find a  
job.

Alma's supervisors, Jesse E. Fuller,  
Isaac Russell, Charles Plowman and  
Jacob D. Helman were in Ithaca a few  
days this week, attending the Janu-  
ary session of the board of supervi-  
sors.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grim and  
family, who moved from Alma to  
Hunt last summer, have returned to  
Alma and will locate here again, pro-  
vided that Mr. Grim can find suitable  
quarters.

Mrs. W. G. Griffin was operated up-  
on Tuesday morning for appendicitis.  
Dr. Carney performed the operation,  
and was assisted by Doctors Gardner  
and Brainerd. She is reported as resting  
easily, and has an excellent chance  
to recover speedily.

The Cedar Springs Clipper says:  
Ten cents per line will be charged for  
obituary notices, "run of paper," to  
all business men who do not advertise  
while living. Delinquent subscribers  
will be charged three cents per line  
for obituary notices. Advertisers and  
cash subscribers will receive as good  
a send-off as we are capable of writ-  
ing, "top of column and next to read-  
ing," without any charges whatever.

Send in your subscriptions as had  
voids are abroad in the land.

A very pretty surprise was given  
Master Richard White at his parents'  
home on 1014 Eastward street Mon-  
day, January 8th. It being his thir-  
teenth birthday. Thirty-five young  
people were present and showed  
the young man a very enjoyable  
time. The evening was spent in games  
and Victrola music, and after a very  
dainty luncheon was served, Miss Nor-  
ma Atkinson presented Mr. White  
with a very pretty pair of Indian moc-  
casins from his many friends.

The Alma college basketball team  
will play the second home game of the  
season next week, meeting the Olivet  
college quintet here. The game will  
be either Thursday or Friday evening.  
It is expected that the game between  
Alma and her old rival, Olivet, will be  
a hard fought one. The fact that it  
is an M. I. A. A. championship bout  
also makes it of interest. No infor-  
mation is available on Olivet, this be-  
ing the first game for the Crimson.

Mrs. Job Reynolds of Mesopotamia,  
Ohio, died at the home of her daugh-  
ter, Mrs. R. B. Smith, in Crystal last  
week Friday afternoon, where she had  
expected to spend the winter. House  
services were held at the home of  
her daughter in Crystal on Saturday  
the body was brought to the  
Wright undertaking parlors. Sunday  
the body was taken to Ohio for bur-  
ial. Doctors Lamb, Gardner, Brainerd  
and Thurnburg acted as pall-bear-  
ers here. The body was accompanied  
to Ohio by the husband and Dr. and  
Mrs. R. B. Smith of Crystal.

### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

At a luncheon given at the Herki-  
mer hotel in Grand Rapids last week  
Saturday, with Miss Ethel Rogers as  
hostess of the occasion, the engage-  
ment of her sister, Miss Frances  
Adeline Rogers, to John Major Dun-  
ham was announced. Miss Rogers is  
the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank  
E. Rogers of Grand Rapids. John  
Major Dunham, is the son of Mrs. H.  
M. Dunham, formerly of this city. The  
date of the wedding has been set for  
January 30th.

### RESIGNS HER POSITION

Mrs. Orville Smith, cashier at the  
local office of Wells Fargo & Compa-  
ny, express, has resigned her posi-  
tion to take effect on Saturday of this  
week. She has been at the local of-  
fice of that company for nearly  
three years and at all times has been  
an efficient employee.

She will be succeeded by Miss Fern  
Rule of this city, who is well versed  
in bookkeeping and should make an  
able successor to the retiring  
cashier.

### MISS BALLOU WINS

Stanton Girl Won Alma College  
Oratorical Contest.

On Wednesday evening of this  
week, Miss Adelaide Ballou of Stan-  
ton, a senior in Alma college, won first  
place in the ladies' oratorical contest  
with the oration, "The Pride of Amer-  
ica," and as a result of her victory  
over the other six contestants, she  
will represent Alma college at the  
Michigan intercollegiate oratorical  
contest to be held in March.

Miss Marie Doane of this city won  
second place with the oration, "A Plea  
for Self-expression," and Miss Ruth  
Dutt, also of Alma, was given third  
place with the oration, "Stripes and  
Bars."

In her oration, "The Pride of Amer-  
ica," Miss Ballou made a great plea  
for a closer companionship between  
father and son, the latter the pride  
of America. Her oration was well  
written, shows plenty of good thought  
and hard study and has of the making  
a good showing at the state contest.

### MRS. HENRY DEAD

Mrs. Perry Henry, a highly respect-  
ed resident of this city, passed away  
at her home last Saturday evening,  
at the age of 46 years. Mrs. Henry had  
been a resident of Alma for some  
years, having moved here from St.  
Louis with her husband and family.

The funeral services were held from  
the late home on Tuesday of this  
week.

Emma Elizabeth Riebler was born  
December 8, 1870, at Lodi, Seneca  
county, Ohio. She was married to  
Perry Henry October 28, 1888. To  
them were born nine children. Her  
life was devoted entirely to her fam-  
ily. She was a faithful wife, a lov-  
ing mother and a true friend. To  
know her was to love her and her  
cheerful and unselfish disposition won  
for her many friends.

She had been a patient sufferer for  
many months and while she desired  
to live for the sake of her family, she  
was prepared for the change if God  
took her away. Although we mourn  
her here we know she is at rest.

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,"  
"Safe on His gentle breast."

She quietly passed away Saturday  
evening, January 6, 1917, aged 46  
years and 28 days. She leaves a hus-  
band, five sons, two brothers, one sis-  
ter and a host of friends.

### GETS HELME'S O. K.

The DeLuxe Candy company of this  
city has received a signal honor from  
the State Dairy and Food Depart-  
ment of Michigan. A large placard  
has been posted in the store, announc-  
ing that it has been inspected by the  
department and found to be in a fine  
sanitary condition. It is signed by  
James Helme, state dairy and food  
commissioner.—Adv.

### COUNCIL WANTS BIDS

At the meeting of the city council  
on Tuesday night of this week a mo-  
tion was carried to ask for bids on  
drilling, casing and testing certain  
ten-inch wells for the improvement of  
the water supply of the city of Alma.  
Bids will be received until January  
23rd and must be accompanied by cer-  
tified checks for \$200.00.

### THE CHURCHES

Church of Christ—January 14,  
1917, morning services at 10:00 a. m.  
Bible school at 11:15 a. m. Young  
people's C. E. at 6:00 p. m. Preach-  
ing at 7 p. m.

Lutheran Church—The Lutheran  
services next Sunday will be in Ger-  
man. Services are held in the U. B.  
church on Hastings street, near  
State street, at 2:00 p. m.

Baptist Church—J. W. Priest, pas-  
tor; residence, 802 Gratiot avenue.  
Sunday morning service at 10:00  
o'clock; sermon, "The King's Busi-  
ness." Sunday school at 11:15. B.  
Y. P. U. meeting at 6 o'clock; topic,  
"Ought," leader, Hazel Shankel.  
Evening service at 7 o'clock; sermon,  
"The Crucified Christ." Thursday  
night prayer meeting at 7:30.

First Presbyterian Church—Wil-  
liam H. Mason, pastor. Sunday, Janu-  
ary 14th, 10 a. m. public worship;  
subject, "Thirsting for the Springs."  
11:30 a. m. Sabbath school. 2:45 p.  
m. East End Sabbath school. 6:15  
p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. 7:00 p. m. public  
worship; subject, "Power in Repose."  
Thursday, January 18, 7:30 p. m.,  
prayer meeting.

Methodist Episcopal Church—The  
protracted meetings at the Methodist  
Episcopal church will continue  
through the coming week, and will  
also be held on Sunday. The work of  
Rev. Hugh Smith here is meeting  
with great success and no one should  
miss hearing this great evangelist.  
Services start promptly at 7:30 p. m.  
every evening during the campaign  
which is now in progress.

St. John's Church—The regular  
services of the St. John's church will  
be held during the coming week. Sun-  
day morning at the church service the  
pastor will preach on the subject, "A  
God Who Cares."

Christian Science—First Church of  
Christ, Scientist, holds its service in  
the Alma Savings Bank building  
every Sunday morning at 10:30 a. m.,  
and every Wednesday evening at 7:30  
p. m. Subject for January 14th,  
"Sacrament." Reading room open  
Saturday afternoon from 2:00 until  
4:00 o'clock.

United Brethren Church—The pas-  
tor will preach at the United Brethren  
church next Sunday morning on the  
subject, "Growth in Grace." All other  
services of the week will be held  
as usual.

Friday night at the Salvation Army  
hall, Adj. A. Hopkins of Detroit will  
have charge of the services of the  
evening. Regular meetings are held  
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday  
evenings at 8:00. Services Sunday at  
10:00 a. m. Sunday school at 2:30,  
and evening services at 7:30 p. m. On  
Sunday, January 14th, at 2:30 p. m.,  
the Salvation Army will start its  
Sunday school. Creed and national-  
ity makes no difference. Start the  
new year right by joining. Every-  
body is young enough.

### NOTICE

Democratic jollification and ban-  
quet at Alma, in the Alma high  
school gymnasium at 8 o'clock Friday  
evening, January 19, 1917. All are  
cordially invited to attend. Ladies  
are especially urged to hear the ex-  
cellent program.

Don't miss hearing Hon. John J.  
Lentz of Ohio, a man of national  
reputation.

Tickets can be had by applying to  
A. McCall, secretary, Ithaca, Michi-  
gan, on or before January 15th.  
Tickets \$1.00 each.

Music by Medler's City orchestra  
and Alma college quartet.

### CARD OF THANKS

We most earnestly wish to express  
our deepest appreciation to all our  
friends and neighbors who so kindly  
shared with us our recent bereave-  
ment.

Perry Henry,  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson,  
Mr. and Mrs. John Henry,  
George Henry,  
Clare Henry,  
Mr. and Mrs. John Christman.

### Past Due Tax Notice

From January 10th to February  
23rd I will collect city taxes at the  
drug store.

C. R. MURPHY,  
City Treasurer.



**G. B. PORTER**  
REGISTERED  
**OPTOMETRIST**

Fine Watch Work a Specialty  
State Street, Second Door South of  
Ellison's Grocery

**GENEST**  
**G Theatre A**

### Program

Thursday, January 11  
Clara Kimball Young  
in

"The Dark Silence"  
an unusual feature

Friday, January 12

"The Upheaval"  
a Metro special

Saturday, January 13

"The Spider  
and the Fly"

an extraordinary Fox  
feature, with  
GENEVIEVE HAMPER  
and

ROBERT B. MANTELL  
An exceptional drama of  
Drink and Disaster. Miss  
Hamper is conceded to have  
the most beautiful face in  
the world. Also special  
booking of "Mutt and Jeff"  
comedies.

Monday, January 15  
CHARLIE CHAPLIN  
in that side-splitting four-  
reel burlesque on

"CARMEN"

Monday, January 22  
America's Sweetheart  
MARY PICKFORD  
in

"Less than the Dust"

Her first production under  
her own direction—posi-  
tively the highest priced  
photoplay ever shown in  
Alma.

Tuesday, January 23  
The most popular serial  
stars in the world  
GRACE CUNARD  
and

FRANCIS FORD  
in

"The Purple Mask"

This is the corrected com-  
encing date

Tuesday, January 25  
ELLA WHEELER  
WILCOX

will present the first of a  
series of six poems, in con-  
nection with

"The Gilded Cage"

a Brady-made World  
feature

Don't forget "Jenkins" five-  
piece orchestra every night.

## Carburetor Stock

25% of all Subscriptions must  
be paid in this week in  
order to secure the stock.

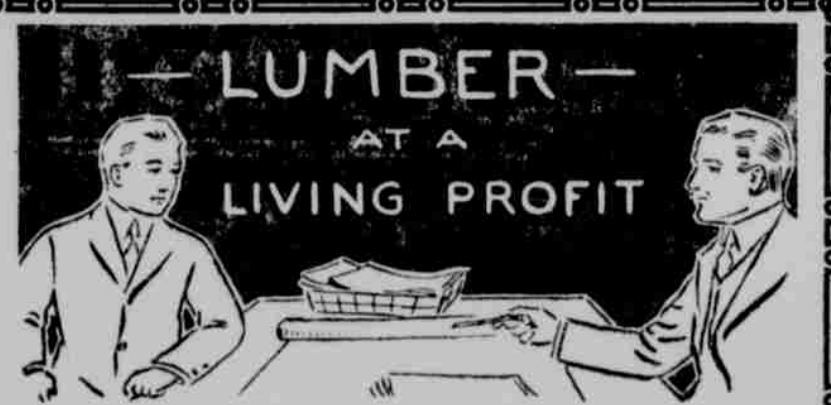
**Factory Now Under Construction**

There is still some of this very desirable Stock  
for Sale. This is

**Your Supreme Chance**

**C. W. REEMTSMA,  
Organizer**

Call at  
**Gratiot County Gas Co.**



We are not looking  
for big profits and we are not "knockers," but we  
want you to know that the offer of first quality lum-  
ber at prices less than ours contains a "joker" some-  
where.

We scale our prices  
on a bare living profit and we are right here to back  
up our dealings both as to quality of material and cor-  
rectness of price.

You are safe  
in dealing with us.

**THE PLACE TO BUY—  
HOME LUMBER & FUEL CO.  
ALMA, MICH.**

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

## First State Bank

AT ALMA, MICHIGAN

At the close of business December 27, 1916, as called for by  
the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, viz.,	
Commercial Department	\$209,967.57
Savings Department	99,175.52
Bonds, Mortgages and Securities, viz.,	\$309,148.09
Savings Department	301,676.03
Overdrafts	1,088.44
Banking House	24,775.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,016.68
Other Real Estate	5,108.78
Items in Transit	46,005.10

### RESERVE

Commercial:	
Exchanges for clearing house	\$47.86
U. S. and Nat'l bank currency	28,781.00
Gold coin	1,575.00
Silver	3,363.75
Nickels and cents	203.60
Total	\$34,271.21
Savings:	
Due from banks in reserve cities	41,845.92
U. S. and Nat'l bank currency	14,500.00
Gold coin	10,500.00
Total	\$66,845.92
Checks and other cash items	6.18
Total	\$793,836.38

### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	30,000.00
Undivided profits, net	8,515.46
Commercial deposits subject to check	\$180,435.25
Commercial certificates of deposit	59,800.47
Certified checks	31.48
Savings deposits (book accounts)	115,912.43
Savings certificates of deposit	349,141.29
Total	\$793,836.38

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF GRATIOT, SS.

I, Carl H. Washburn, Cashier of the above named bank,  
do solemnly swear, that the above statement is true to the  
best of my knowledge and belief and correctly represents the  
true state of the several matters therein contained, as shown  
by the books of the bank.

CARL H. WASHBURN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of Janu-  
ary, 1917.  
J. S. KNOERTZER, Notary Public.

My commission expires March 10, 1918.

Correct attest:

FRANCIS KING,  
P. M. SMITH,  
C. G. RHODES,  
Directors.

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